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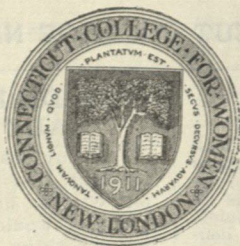
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The World At Large

Mississippi Flood

The Mississippi flood which has been raging for the past few weeks, is still making thousands homeless everywhere in the South where the great river is rising except at New Orleans. The American Red Cross has taken up the enormous task of assisting the people in the devastated regions. A vast relief army with unlimited supplies has been mobilized to give succor to the 250,000 victims of the floods. Already the inundated areas total more than 14,000 square miles and other square miles are being added every hour as the flood waters spread out over the fertile river parishes of Louisiana and deep into the southern counties of Arkansas and Mississippi.

The Red Cross created to handle the flood problem has sent out their first appeal for \$5,000,000. From every army headquarters east of the Rocky Mountains, tents by the thousands have been expressed to flood areas. Field kitchens manned by cooks of the regular army started at a moment's notice. The immediate problem before the Red Cross at present is that of feeding, clothing, and sheltering more than 150,000 refugees. Then they must plan for the permanent rehabilitation of the sufferers.

Restored Cathedral of Rheims

From the crumbled and shell-torn Rheims and its great cathedral has risen a new wonder. Next week the restored cathedral will be reopened and a week later it will be rededicated to religious use. For eight years workmen have been busy salvaging and patching and now, thanks to the generous backing which the Rockefeller Foundation has given to public subscription in France, England, Denmark, and other countries, the terrible destruction done in the war has been repaired. The great cathedral in which Joan of Arc crowned her King has been rebuilt with as much loving care as has gone into the rebuilding of the limbs and faces of the wrecked men who were fellow victims of the Imperial German Kultur.

Proposed Trip to the Moon

Ivan Fedorof, a mechanic from Kiel in Russia, says that he will fly to the moon in September in an apparatus called a "rocket" thirty meters long, half airplane and half giant projection. He will be accompanied, he states, by the German "moon fan," Max Vallier, and the three who prove most fit of seventy-five Moscow volunteers.

The invention expects that landing on the moon, which he thinks should be reached after fifteen hours, will be difficult but believes it feasible if the gas explosions are used as breaks.

Miss Evelyn Holmes has no recent picture of Dr. Mary Holmes, and would appreciate snap-shots for enlargement. If any Faculty or student has negatives or prints, please take them to the Graduate Secretary office in Branford.

Prom Ball Game Held

Wolves Carry Away Honors

The game between the C. C. Lambs and the Wolves in lamb's clothing is about to begin. Due to the special occasion of the game there will be special rules. The Wolves who are naturally south paws will bat to-day with their north paw. Only one paw shall be used to hold the bat. A Wolf shall run backwards to first base and the remaining bases in a way of his own choice. The pitcher for the Wolves shall be required to pitch underhanded. A Wolf shall be declared out after having had two strikes. Thus loomed out the voice of the umpire for the day, Dr. Lawrence.

The white-knickered Lambs took their places upon the field for the first inning. Rather timidly a Wolf in a brilliant red shirt came to the plate. It was hard for him to arouse anything akin to fear in the hearts of the Lambs. A weak hit and out at first! Two more unalarming Wolves and two more outs. At least the Wolves had not scored in the first inning. The Lambs upon approaching the plate where less courageous than they had been out in the field. One down, two down, three down, and out.

The strain of the first inning had passed. The umpire announced that the Lambs having witnessed one inning would like to grant a concession to the Wolves, the pitchers would no longer be forced to pitch underhanded. The second inning was a frolic for the Wolves; they brought six runs in without difficulty. The Lambs gamboled a little, too, but only with the success of scoring one run.

During this inning and the two that followed, the umpire was continually required to rebuke the Wolves for their failure to run to first base in the manner required. Each Wolf having shown a great persistence in running at least half of the distance in a forward manner. An amusing incident during the fray was the drawing of a pistol by the umpire at a time when there seemed to be some disagreement among the rooters as to a decision given.

There was little scoring in the last innings of the game and Wolves and Lambs appeared to be on the friendliest terms. All baseball games such as the one of the Wolves and Lambs seem to end by general agreement of both teams irrespective of the inning. The interior motive for the ending of Saturday's game is suspected to have been hunger.

The Wolves carried away the honors of the game but not the skin of the Lambs.

EVENTS OF JUNIOR PROM WEEK-END

Prom week-end was started on Friday evening by a presentation of Philip Moeller's clever comedy, "Helena's Husband." The tone of this was very suitable to the occasion, and the presentation of it was good, particularly in consideration of the fact that three of the members of the cast were new. After the play, there was dancing in Knowlton until one o'clock. Lord Jeff's Serenaders from Amherst furnished the music for the week-end,

Intercollegiate Debating Conference Held

Alice Owens Sent as Connecticut Delegate

The annual conference of the Women's Intercollegiate Debating League was held at Radcliffe, Saturday afternoon, May seventh.

Representatives of five colleges were present: Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar, Mount Holyoke and Connecticut; Wellesly, a member until within the past year, dropped its membership because of the lack of interest displayed by the student body in debating.

The conference was most informal and friendly in spirit. The delegates had luncheon together at Radcliffe and afterwards assembled for its business meeting. Radcliffe, as president of the League for the past year, led the discussion, which centered around ways to arouse interest in debating at the various colleges. This seemed to be the main problem in most colleges, and various means of stimulating interest were suggested. In some colleges inter-class debates on current college problems are well responded to, in others debating clubs, in still others competitive debates prove effective.

Plans for the intercollegiate debates for the year 1927-28 were discussed and a schedule was drawn up, indicating where those debates are to be held. Connecticut is host to Vassar and is to travel to Radcliffe the week-end nearest March 20, 1928. Smith was elected president of the League for the forthcoming year and is to hold the annual conference in May, 1928. Radcliffe automatically becomes secretary of the League, following the rules laid down in the Constitution.

Following the making of a few minor changes in the Constitution and a discussion as to the admittance of new members to the League the business meeting ended and a social hour was enjoyed.

and were generally considered to be very good. An interesting feature of Friday night's program was a clog dance given by five Freshmen in striped blazers and white flannel shirts.

Saturday morning, classes were shortened so as to be over by eleven o'clock, in time for the Prom baseball game. The shortening of classes greatly increased the audience there. The game was particularly interesting and in the last inning became violently exciting.

Saturday afternoon there was tea-dancing from four until six. Knowlton Salon was particularly lovely at this time, with all the windows open, and the sunlight streaming through.

By Saturday evening, everyone was very much in the spirit of the week-end, and the music was particularly good. The costumes of the waitresses, which were in the nature of peasants' smocks, were very attractive and colorful. The entertainment for Saturday evening was in the nature of a clever Spanish clog dance by Hildegard Harper. The Prom favors were bill-folds for evening wear. The patrons and patronesses were President and Mrs. Marshall, Dr. and Mrs. Jensen,

Citizenship Week Conducted Here

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the Connecticut League of Women Voters held its seventh annual citizenship school in Knowlton House to which C. C. students were cordially invited. This school on judges, juries, courts and people "was designed to inform interested people of the functioning of the state courts."

Tuesday afternoon the session was opened with an address of welcome by President Marshall, who commended the League for promoting a school on a subject in which "many persons are interested but uninformed." The first lecture was given by Morris Lubchansky, New London attorney, who outlined the court system of Connecticut. With his address as a background, Mr. C. Hadlai Hull elaborated on the civil and criminal procedure of the Connecticut courts. After each address sometime was given over to questions and answers dealing with these subjects.

The evening session was taken up with addresses on and discussions of city courts, the justices of the peace, and legal aid. City court functions were explained by Judge S. Victor Prince of the New London City Court, while Mrs. Bessie C. Fischer, justice of the peace in Wilton, and Miss Opal Slater of the Yale Law School talked on the other topics.

The principal speaker of the Wednesday morning session was Dr. Valeria H. Parker of New York City, president of the National Council of Women, who discussed the manifold responsibilities and duties of the police-woman. Miss Elizabeth H. Munger, superintendent of the State Farm for Women, spoke about her work, and Mrs. Frances L. Roth, assistant prosecuting attorney of New Haven, explained the duties of that office.

After luncheon in Knowlton House the school listened to Judge George H. (Continued on page 3, column 3)

PARENTS' WEEK-END

Saturday and Sunday, May 14th and 15th, 1927

Saturday, May 14th, 1.30 P. M.—Conference of Parents with the President, Knowlton House Salon.

Saturday, May 14th, 3.00 P. M.—Freshman Pageant, in the Amphitheatre, near campus.

Saturday, May 14th, 7.45 P. M.—Glee Club Concert in the gymnasium.

Saturday, May 14th, 9.00 P. M.—Reception by Faculty to Parents and Students, Knowlton House Salon.

Sunday, May 15th, 10.45 A. M.—Service of Worship in the gymnasium.

Sunday, May 15th, 7.00 P. M.—Hymns and Readings in Knowlton House Salon.

Dr. and Mrs. Erb, Dean Nye, Dean Benedict, Miss Sherer, and Miss Ives. The Prom committee was under the chairmanship of Virginia Hawkins who is to be congratulated for her capable management of the various details connected with the week-end.

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PARENTS' WEEK-END

As one of the newest customs of the college and as one of unique interest, Parents' Week-End is doubly significant. Many of our parents make a practice of visiting college, but often the visits come when there is nothing of unusual interest taking place. A week-end planned in advance gives them an opportunity not only to see classes in session, but to enjoy some of the social activities. After the Glee Club concert Saturday evening, parents who perhaps would never come into contact in any other way, will meet each other at an informal reception in Knowlton salon.

The idea of Parents' Week-End, built around, and combined with, that of Freshman Day, was first put into practice last year. The date is singularly appropriate for the basis of the plans as the Freshman Pageant is not only the largest production of the college year, including the greatest number of people, but also the most important event concerning the entire Freshman class.

A new and very interesting feature of the week-end is the conference of parents with President Marshall. This aids distinctly in furthering the primary purpose of the occasion, that of helping the parents to obtain an adequate idea of just what our college is like in its different aspects—classes, dramatics, spirit, music, chapel amphitheatre, campus, and most of all, students. May Parents' Week-End become an enthusiastic tradition.

FAME

Criticize a well-known man, and soon
A mob will grasp it, mingling truth
and lie . . .
Let one lone mangy mongrel bay the
moon
And all the village hounds will swell
the cry.

FREE SPEECH

[The Editors of the News do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions expressed in this column. In order to insure the validity of this column as an organ for the expression of honest opinion, the editor must know the names of contributors.]

Dear Editor: During the winter when snow covers all our hills and paths, no one would be condemned for bundling up in sweaters and knickers to go skiing or coasting on a Sunday morning. These are fine out-of-door sports, though at times they may not be very graceful.

Now that May has come with its beautiful warm days, we perhaps do not need any special incentive to make us spend our time for recreation out doors, but does it not seem logical that we should be given the opportunity to enjoy any available sports which are not organized or annoying to the general public? Tennis is a quiet, graceful, wholesome game. At present tennis is not to be played on Sundays. However, such recreation as horse-back riding, golf, and movies are allowed, and we all know that many bridge games while away the Sunday hours.

Could we not have permission to use the tennis courts Sunday mornings when few visitors might be present to consider such playing a distraction or detriment to the looks of the college, and when many girls might profit by a few minutes of fine, wholesome recreation? '23.

Ever since we entered the world we have been cautioned not to hurt others feelings. Ever since we entered college we have heard the plea for "constructive criticism." But we strongly feel that certain classes of the Freshman English department are not being conducted according to these standards. How can any teacher fail to realize what we all know—that some students are absolutely incapable of writing a correctly constructed theme, and that those same students struggle earnestly to do their best against odds which they cannot help? It seems impossible that a teacher who has thought twice can feel that she is benefiting herself, the class, or a painfully, tearfully embarrassed pupil, by reading that pupils unsatisfactory theme aloud in the midst of uproarious, thoughtless laughter. The laughter may have been thoughtless. Perhaps the teacher's act was even more so. But it seems to us that it is every teacher's duty to think, and to remember that feelings are feelings, and that fairness is fairness. In that same fairness we ask the question: Why should earnest endeavor be punished by humiliation?—The Other Students.

INCIDENTAL THOUGHTS

The world is composed of three types of people, those that are satisfied with things as they are, those that are not satisfied but try to make the best of things, and those that wish to remold the world according to their heart's desire. Of the three, the last class is most to be pitied, for they have not the wit to see that a world of their making would be as mean and artificial as their own tiny brains, or as wild and impracticable as their dreams.

FRIENDSHIP

Two friends I have, both true I know,
But which a deeper love discloses;
He who brings fuel in winter's snow,
Or he who brings me summer's roses?

THE DIARY OF A YOUNG LADY OF LEISURE

Life, my dear diary, is a dark cellar to-night, and I am a mouse hunting for cheese, but there is no cheese. Truly, I would that I were a mouse with nothing on my mind but my sleek mousy hair—nothing but days of slothful indolence, if I so chose, and always something delicious to nibble.

However, a wise Creator has cast me in a far different role, and though I have that mouse-like look, I'm decidedly not quick. To-day, of all days, when I longed to triumph above the very existence of stupid things like Drama Readings and play rehearsals, I found myself in a veritable thought of despondency. And the worst part of it is I enjoyed it. Honestly, deep down within me in a secret corner of my little heart there was that martyred Joan-of-Arc feeling that would have given a psychiatrist something to revel over. I must stop thinking about psychiatrists and psychoanalysts or it will be getting me, and I'll be the unwilling possessor of complexes and other weird things.

After all—diary—its just the rain I guess, and reaction from Prom. Prom was nice—much nicer than I thought it would be. The Lord Jeff Serenaders were very good and their music never abated in its throbbing intensity.

All the girl friends looking as pulchritudinously feminine as possible and Everyone's Tom, Dick and Harry showing off to advantage a delightful informal informality about it all it was Junior Prom the long-looked forward to event and a long-remembered event. And now there's nothing [that's from the social point of view] to do until Saturday, and then its Pageant. And diary if old Jupe Pluvius doesn't retire graciously from the field and let Old Sol smile upon all of those dear, industrious Freshmen, I'll be quite convinced that there is no justice. If after picking up pebbles, picking up brush, and picking up stitches in fraying seams they are not rewarded by a sunshiny day, I'm quite sure that my lachrymose glands will respond in sympathy which reminds me of those women voters that are thronging over the hill. Thank heavens I was brought up in the full realization that woman's place is in the home. It must be a frightful bore to have to trail over some campus about which you're not even interested; and then to be conscious that you're probably boring some nice undergraduate. That would be poisoning on the heights of academic bliss.

Well I must stop, old thing, I feel much better now that I've raved on to you. I feel quite able to write a nice letter now. You know Love is like a football game—the more scars the more honor, and every letter helps. Well?

PROM BLINDS

A Dream

In his roadster—it would be long and blue—we would drive to Light-house Inn. There to dine and dance—converse on trivial things. We'd return to campus as the moon was rising high. There to join in gaiety, the numbers at the prom. How proud I'd be of him. Handsome! Tall! Attentive! I'd wear his flowers. Those precious moments we would be together. Just Heaven!

A Reality

"Hello," (eagerly). "Yes, this is Miss O'Prom.
(Crestfallen)—"Your train has just arrived." (What? No roadster?)
(Lifelessly)—"There is another trolley in fifteen minutes, I guess."

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MENCKEN'S "NOTES ON DEMOCRACY"

H. L. Mencken has contributed a curious and significant book to our American literature. His "Notes on Democracy" is not destined to be read by many, nor is it destined to be read at all by the masses at whom it is aimed, but for those who will read it, it is bound to prove provocative of thought, and very stimulating. Aiming to write a tirade against the ordinary man, with his stupidity, his grossness, and his selfishness, Mencken has been carried away with the violence of his ideas, and has written a book which one cannot help discounting somewhat. Probably one half the book is based on facts as Mencken knew them, one fourth on the facts as he imagined them, and one fourth on theories which Mencken, himself, realized are fallacious, but liked the sound of. It is not through debating over the truth and falsity in this book that one reaches the real good of the thing, nor is it through arguing the pros and cons of Mencken's theories. When he wrote the book, he was not trying to propound new and ingenious theories regarding democracy; he was trying to stimulate and startle the minds of those who read his book. That, he has accomplished.

The basic idea of his book is that democracy was rather an unsafe weapon to be left in the hands of children. He believes man to be basically incapable of wise and efficient self-government, and ridicules the folly of those who thought to remedy the evils inherent in self-government by placing more democracy in the hands of the bad boys who wrung the necks of the little of it entrusted in their care. He seems to have rather less faith in the average man than we are accustomed to have in the inmates of an institution for the mentally unbalanced, or the ethically unfit. In most decided terms, with never an impulse to assuage the pain he has inflicted, Mencken aims straight at man in general; and politicians and evangelists in particular. These politicians he writes of first in the abstract, but then warming up to his subject, he begins assailing specific malefactors, among whom he includes "Dr." Wilson, Coolidge, Harding, Roosevelt, Lodge and others who have figured largely in the development of our American democracy. In writing of these men, he allows nothing to hinder him, neither the idea that "Nil nisi bonum" should be spoken of the dead, nor the idea that it is considered objectionable by some people to speak slanderously of the person who happens at the time to be the elected czar of the American people. Throughout the book, Mencken writes fearlessly, and as sincerely as one may write who is aiming rather at stimulating than at informing. Mencken is fanatic about that in which his interest is really engaged. Here his fanaticism is obvious, but his sound reasoning and the truth inherent in his doctrines, keep the book from becoming merely a senseless outburst against organized society. Mencken offers ideas and stimulation to any one who can keep his head, and not allow himself to be carried away by rantings which occasionally are calculated, I fear, a trifle more for effect than for an exposition of the truth.

Mencken has done more than merely write a sensational exposé of politics and politicians. He has written a book infinitely worthy for its literary quality. Mencken's use of language, his remarkable vocabulary, and his extremely forceful use of metaphors, and analogy, have all contributed to make this a masterly piece of writing. Mencken's mind is keen and alert, and his prose style is one to which tribute may well be paid.

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Vassar Tradition Endangered

Will it be necessary to discontinue one of Vassar's finest customs? At the present time, question rises as to the continuation of Vassar's Song Contest. It has lately been necessary to impose a fine of fifty cents for every absence from class song practise. Against this ruling certain rebellious factions cry aloud. They argue that merit is lacking where force must replace inclination. If their argument is well backed, it is unfortunate, for it may result in the abolition of the Song Contest. There are always a discontented few but here is a case where that few has recruited a great many members. To quote the argument of those who support compulsory practise we ask: "Is it not worth while for each class to join in united support of the ruling rather than that the college should be deserving of criticism of an extremely slighting sort on the occasions of the sings? Shall a little present discontent be the downfall of one of Vassar's oldest and finest traditions?" Certainly this is a time when "Think twice" is an opportune admonition.

Live League Interest Among New York Students

Northern New York college students met at Syracuse on April 29th and 30th to hold a miniature League of Nations assembly. Plans for the event were initiated and carried out by the Syracuse School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

In some cases so-called delegates of this "League" were actually represented by nationals of their countries. However, the chief aim of this novel plan was to encourage as many Americans as possible to participate.

The assembly was made very realistic by attending speakers. At one of the meetings, Sir George Foster, who represented Canada in the League of Nations, spoke to the novice delegates. Chief among the discussions at hand were a conference for the Reduction of Armaments and a consideration of the present situation in Central America.

Smith's President Honored

President Neilson of Smith is about to add another degree to his many previous ones. The University of Edinburgh, this popular president's Alma Mater, will shortly confer upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws and Literature. Only one other man in the United States is to have a like distinction at this time. President Neilson is receiving this honor in recognition of his internationally known work as an educator, authority on past English Literature and contributor to present English literature. The second of President Neilson's

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CITIZENSHIP WEEK CONDUCTED HERE

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Day of the juvenile court of Hartford explain the juvenile court of Connecticut. Other addresses on the afternoon program were by Miss Caroline Penniman, superintendent of the Long Lane Farm, who spoke on "Probation and Parole," and Dr. Morris, who discussed child guidance clinics. In the evening a mock trial was given by students of economics, directed by Mr. Doyle.

Thursday morning Frances Jones and Susan Chittenden read papers to the school. This is the first time that college students have taken active part in a League Citizenship School. Miss Jones spoke on "Some History: Treatment of Criminals and Growth of Criminal Procedure." Miss Chittenden's address was "Some Figures: Direct and Indirect Costs of Crime." Mr. John Wadhams, chairman of the State Board of Finance then spoke on "Cutting Off the Crime Supply." The closing event was a talk on the juvenile court, by Dr. William E. Healy, director of the Judge Baker Foundation of Boston, followed by a demonstration of the juvenile court by C. C. students under the direction of Professor Morris.

PROM BLINDS

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And we had fish at the refectory that night. It seemed that he talked always of rocks, sand-dunes and more rocks. One so well informed—what an excellent geology prof he would be! I need not have worried about choice of dress—there were no flowers to be considered. He had apparently forgotten them. Later I guess we danced—it might in kindness have been termed that. I seemed lifelessly irresponsive to his theories about some prehistoric glacier. He enjoyed the punch. I hope that I was not impolite.

recent honors is the establishment of the William Allan Neilson Chair of Research at Smith College. The Chair was the gift of friends and admirers of Dr. Neilson who gave it in honor of his tenth year as the President of Smith.

Goucher Demands Department of Music

In no uncertain terms, Goucher students are requesting a Department of Music. They feel the present courses in music are entirely inadequate to meet their demands.

Representing student opinion, the free speech columns headed "Forum" in the *Goucher Weekly* advocates the initiation of a more extensive music course in the college. Citing Wellesley, Vassar, Smith and Mount Holyoke as examples, Goucher students ask for a similar addition to their own college.

The students state that although they are always encouraged to attend operas and musicales, they have no means of acquiring knowledge necessary for true appreciation of such music.

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American youth now in college show as great an interest in Shakespeare as did their fathers in the days when Maude Adams, E. H. Sothern, Robert Mantell, Richard Mansfield, and Viola Allen were splendidly portraying the characters of Shakespeare's plays, declared Prof. George Pierce Baker, director of the Yale University Theatre and Executive Chairman of the American Shakespeare Foundation.

The former head of the famous "47 Workshop" of Harvard University made this statement in announcing the results to date of the participation of American colleges in the restoration of the world-renowned Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon.

"Although the younger generation has frequently been characterized as spiritually incapable of appreciating Shakespeare," said Prof. Baker, "the

generous responses of scholastic youth everywhere tend to refute this.

"Forty-one colleges, representing more than 50,000 students, are officially participating in the international movement to rebuild the burned Memorial Theatre. Among these are: Amherst, Bowdoin, Brown, Cornell, Hamilton, Hobart, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Mt. Holyoke, Oberlin, Smith, Vassar, Williams, Clark, and the Universities of Michigan, Delaware, Chicago, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Maine and Indiana."

"If the campaign for rebuilding the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre retains its present momentum among our American youth in school and college," said Prof. Baker in commenting upon these results, "the work of restoring the only living memorial to Shakespeare in all the world may well be described as 'the gift of American youth to the immortal Bard of Avon.'"

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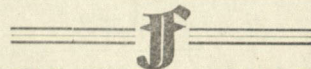
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